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COLIN ADDISON'S View...

THE departure of John Aldridge to Oxford United on Tuesday for a club record £70,000 fee has obviously been a major talking point amongst our supporters this week, so let me say that this deal is obviously a good stroke of business for Newport County Football Club for the following reasons.

Several days before that transfer, John had told us that he would not be with the Club next season as he wanted to exercise his right to leave when his contract expired during the summer. Bearing in mind what happened last summer when we felt hard done by, following the decision of the transfer-tribunal, we were determined that our valuation for the player would be met, and that's what's happened. At the time of writing, we were hoping to bring in a loan-player for the remainder of the season, and if one accepts that we are not going to win promotion, we can use the rest of this season to give our promising young players further opportunities in the side as we look to next year.

The money that we receive for John Aldridge will take the severe pressure off us from many quarters. If we had not sold Steve Lowndes and Tommy Tynan at the start of this season, there would not have been any club here . . . and even then we were still in great difficulty, having to recover from the situation which happened concerning various in-



coming transfers over the past few years. We've had to cut our playing staff accordingly, and considering all the problems we've had with finances, small attendances and injuries this season, we've done well to be where we are in the table. Meanwhile, on the positive side, we've got several young players gaining valuable experience — Chris Lilygreen and Ceri Williams are gradually establishing themselves in the side, Tony Reid and Trevor Matthewson are still only 20 and in what is their first full season in League football, while Phil Green has shown encouraging form in his only appearance for us so far, and we are keen to see what he can do during the remainder of this season. So, after the near pro-

motion of last year, it's been a season of transition for us in what is a very difficult financial climate for this club.

We're currently on a five-match unbeaten League run in which we've given some battling performances against promotion-chasing sides, and though we didn't play particularly well at Orient last Saturday, Terry Boyle's last-minute equaliser was certainly worth going a long way to see. We now face two hard matches against sides on the fringe of the promotion race, with Bolton Wanderers making their first-ever visit to us today, followed by Gillingham on Tuesday night. Last week, the players and myself visited today's match-sponsors — The South Wales Argus — at their Maesglas headquarters, and one interesting connection between The Argus and today's visitors is that the paper's Managing Director, Mr. John Ryan, is originally from Bolton, but he won't tell us who he's supporting today!

A final word on John Aldridge — we'd like to wish him every success in his future career. He's certainly earned the chance to play at a higher level because I'm sure that Oxford will win promotion this season. We would, of course, like to have seen him gone into the First Division as I feel he would be good enough, and he might even get there yet. As for ourselves, we're still ambitious to build a side good enough to get into a higher standard.

TODAY'S COVER — (Top) . . . A recent visit to our match-sponsors, The South Wales Argus, and Manager Colin Addison checks copy in the sports department with Ceri Williams, Roy Carter, Linden Jones, John Relish and John Aldridge, under the watchful eye of Argus Sports Editor Les James (left) while (below) — Phil Green, on his debut for us a fortnight ago, has a close-range effort blocked by Hull defender Pete Skipper. (Pics. by Argus and Glyn Carter)



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• "What about tonight's story?" — (ABOVE) Manager Colin Addison holds an editorial conference with Ceri Williams, Roy Carter (hidden), Linden Jones, John Relish and John Aldridge. Also taking part — Argus sports Editor Les James (left) and Rugby writer Paul Abandonato (seated). (BELOW) — "Looks like we're playing then!" — our lads check the first editions as the presses roll.



Inside Somerton

with
RICHARD SHEPHERD



• Disappointment last Saturday for our new striker from Barry Town — **PHIL GREEN**. After making his League debut against Hull City a fortnight ago, he was forced to miss last week's game at Orient through injury — the first time he's had to miss a match this season.



• Recent loan-signing **COLIN RANDELL** from Blackburn Rovers, seen here in action against Wimbledon recently. Colin (third from right) is featured in today's Amber Angle (P.12). (Pic. by Glyn Carter)

Link-Up . . .

• Goalkeeper Glyn Jones, who's been with us on a non-contract basis this season, having made three first-team appearances, has joined up with Gwent County League side Albion Rovers, the Newport-based side who are coached by our defender, John Relish. Glyn will still be available to us, however, and he in fact played for our Welsh League side against Skewen eleven days ago while Neil Welch was engaged on Youth International duty.

Surprise For John . . .

• John Relish, who's been out of the side since mid-February through injury, found himself the subject of a "This Is Your Life" programme when Gwent County League side Albion Rovers, whom John coaches, presented a Race-Night as part of our defender's Testimonial Year. It was a well-kept secret, because everyone connected with Newport County and Albion Rovers knew about it, except John. Among those taking part were Welsh Rugby skipper Mike Watkins and team-mate Robert Ackerman.

Picture Winner . . .

• Nine year-old Anthony Sharpe of 57 Tyfica Road, Graigwen, Pontypridd, was the youngster featured in our photograph published in our last match-programme. Anthony only moved to this area last September from Rochdale, and he's now the possessor of a Newport County replica shirt.

Ceri's Disappointment . . .

• It turned out to be a disappointing trip to Wrexham for our young midfielder player, Ceri Williams, when Wales met Scotland in a European Youth Championship Qualifying tie eleven days ago. Ceri suffered an ankle injury against Hull City three days previously, and although he was selected for the side his injury didn't clear up in time and he had to withdraw, consequently missing his second Youth Cap for Wales. Our defender, Mike Pratt, played however, while Neil Welch was the substitute goalkeeper in Wales' 4-2 defeat.



• **CERI WILLIAMS** — missed his second Welsh Youth Cap

Gloves Found . . .

• Reserve-team goalkeeper Neil Welch, who lost several pairs of goalkeeping gloves whilst on his way home from Somerton Park recently, has now had them returned. A person walking down Cromwell Road found them but didn't know to whom they belonged, so he handed them to one of our Lottery Representatives in her Club car in the hope that they might belong to one of our players.

Another Newcomer . . .

• Cwmbran Town striker Phil Coles made his debut for us in last Saturday's 2-2 home draw with Afan Lido in the Welsh League and he will be with us for the remainder of the season after signing Welsh League forms for the Club eight days ago. Reserve-team manager, John Macey, also played in that game after Neil Welch felt unwell on his arrival at the ground, and John's first touch in the match was to pick the ball out of the net!



• Another face in the crowd — if this fan would like to call into our Commercial Department, he'll hear something to his advantage.

Big Day . . .

• Our youth-team have an important engagement at Aberystwyth this afternoon when they meet Holyhead Town in the Final of the Welsh Youth Cup. We are defending the Trophy since we won it last year. With regard to our Sunday Youth League situation, the withdrawal of Ponty-mister Boys has left an interesting position at the top of the table with either Cwmbran Town, ourselves or Spencer Works able to win the title with just a couple of matches left prior to last Sunday when we didn't have a game. Our last League fixture is at home to Spencer Works on April 1st.

Re-Union . . .

• Goalkeeper Mark Kendall looked a little puzzled when a policeman called him over when he went out for a warm-up half-an-hour before the kick-off at Orient last week. But Mark didn't need to worry — the police officer was P.C. Phil Holyoak who was a defender in the same Tottenham Hotspur youth-team as Mark during the mid-1970s, and who is now stationed at Leyton in the Metropolitan Police. Another face from the past at Brisbane Road was former England inside-forward Johnny Brooks, a member of the fine Tottenham side of the 1950s. His son, Shaun, is a first-team regular with Orient.



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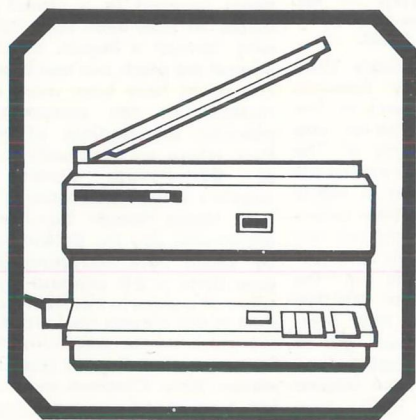
● Our Welsh Youth defender **MIKE PRATT** has played a vital part in recent home games, coming on as substitute to play in attack ... (ABOVE) — Mike (on ground) beats Wimbledon goalkeeper Dave Beasant to score our equaliser in our 1-1 draw, while (BELOW) — Mike gets in a header against Hull City with opposing defenders Dale Roberts (4) and Pete Skipper in attendance. We drew that game 1-1. (Pics. by Glyn Carter)



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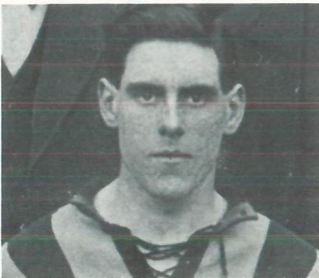
Memories Of Our Past.....

SIXTY-ONE years ago, the contrast between ourselves and Bolton Wanderers, who make their first-ever visit to Somerton Park today, could not have been greater — the famous Lancashire club were one of the country's top clubs in 1922/23, and although they'd had a disappointing First Division season, they were about to make Football history by appearing in Wembley's first-ever F.A. Cup Final in which they would play Second Division West Ham United. That same year, we were in our third season as a League club, and were to finish at the foot of Division 3 (South).

In those pre-television days when radio was in its infancy, the F.A. Cup Final was just one match on a day of normal League activity. On April 28th 1923, therefore, we were due at Plymouth Argyle for our last-but-one Third Division game of the season, unaware of what was happening at the newly-completed Wembley Stadium on which a quarter of a million people were converging! It wasn't an all-ticket match since the estimated capacity of the new ground was 127,000 and only 53,000 had seen the 1922 Final at Stamford Bridge. But a warm sunny day, the

presence of a London side in West Ham United, easy rail and Underground communications, plus pre-match publicity of "room for all", were all factors which led to scenes of chaos.

Meanwhile, we were on the train to Devon for our match with Argyle, and no doubt one of our players could not help thinking of Wembley — outside-right Billy Charlton had been signed from



• **BILLY CHARLTON** — his former colleagues lost to Bolton in the 1923 F.A. Cup Final.

West Ham in early-January 1923 in exchange for Billy Edwards who, although he wasn't in The Hammers' Wembley line-up, was with their official party at The Stadium. But while we kicked off before an 8,000 crowd at Home Park, there were incredible scenes at Wembley — the turnstiles had been closed at 1.45 pm with just over 126,000 people in the ground, but more than 100,000 arrived outside after that time, and eventually the crush was so great that the turnstiles and fences, which were then outside the actual stadium itself, were breached. The resulting pressure on those already on the terraces forced people onto the pitch, and

although the Bolton and West Ham players managed to get onto the field at 2.50 pm there was no prospect of starting on time!

Meanwhile, we came to the end of a scoreless first half at Plymouth, and when spectators looked at the scoreboard for half-time news from Wembley, they were puzzled when nothing was shown. In fact the game at Wembley had kicked off forty-three minutes late, thanks to the efforts of the police who included several on horseback. One of those horses was white, and though he played an equal part with his colleagues in clearing the pitch, he became something of a legend simply because he stood out through his colour. Amongst that huge crowd were two of our fans who had travelled through the night by motor-cycle and sidecar, having arrived at Wembley at 5.00 am. After spending several hours jammed in a crowd estimated to have been 250,000 and who formed a human touchline around the pitch, our two supporters would have been more comfortable in the comparatively peaceful surroundings of Home Park where we eventually lost to an 87th-minute penalty by Argyle's Welsh International full-back Moses Russell. But it was a memorable day for Bolton — goals by David Jack and John Smith gave them a 2-0 win and assured them of a place in Football legend. And as our players read reports of the game on the way home from Plymouth, our former West Ham winger Billy Charlton must have felt a touch of sympathy for his ex-team-mates whose only consolation was that they had helped make F.A. Cup Final history.

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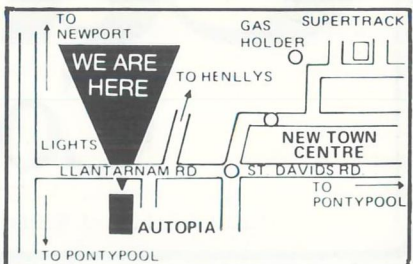
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Bolton Wanderers

LAST Saturday's 1-0 home win over Exeter City keeps BOLTON WANDERERS on the edge of the promotion race in seventh place, eight points behind the top three, and if they could put together a good sequence of results in the next few weeks they might get into a position which would put pressure on the leading group. Whatever happens, it's certainly been an encouraging season for them after finishing at the bottom of Division Two last season. The side has been rebuilt, with a number of the younger players establishing themselves in the line-up, and they've done much better than expected.

A familiar name has returned to the Club in the last couple of weeks — striker NEIL WHATMORE is back for his third spell at Burnden Park, being currently on loan from Oxford with the possibility of being signed permanently. Merseyside-born Whatmore, who played last Saturday against Exeter, began his career with Bolton and spent over ten years at the Club before a £340,000 fee took him to Birmingham in August 1981. He

moved to Oxford for £25,000 in the summer of 1982, and had a loan spell with Bolton midway through last season, while this year he's been in and out of the Oxford side. He played up front last week with England Youth Cap WAYNE FOSTER, who scored a late winner last Saturday, and he's a local boy who made his debut in '81/82 and has been a regular this season since early November, having played in goal during one match in February when Bolton's 'keeper went off through injury. Substitute against Exeter was striker SIMON RUDGE, a Warrington-born player who's been a regular in the line-up this season, and he made his debut in September 1982, while there may be a return this afternoon for Bolton's goalscoring discovery TONY CALDWELL, a close-season signing from Horwich Railway Mechanics Institute F.C. A consistent scorer in non-league football, he's missed the last three games with a broken collar-bone, and injury also kept him out during December/January. His 22 goals include five against Walsall (a Club record) in September's 8-1 win, following which he became a full-time professional, giving up his electrical occupation. Another non-league striker with the Club is GEORGE OGHANI, an October signing from Hyde United for an eventual £5,000 fee. He's been a regular substitute since his arrival, making his full debut at Rotherham in February, though he hasn't been in the line-up for the past five games.

In midfield, Oldham-born STEVE THOMPSON, who operates on the right, has missed only one game since coming into the side on September 10th and he's a former apprentice who made his debut in November 1982, while a fairly recent sign-

Their Player / Manager

• Montrose-born JOHN McGOVERN began his League career at Hartlepool in the late 1960s, and followed Manager Brian Clough to Derby County, Leeds United and Nottingham Forest. Whilst with Derby from September 1968 to August 1974, he won a Championship medal and two Scottish Under-23 Caps. He also won a Championship medal with Forest. He was with Leeds for just six months before joining Forest in February 1975, and he was appointed to his present position in June 1982, succeeding George Mulhail.

ing is midfielder GRAHAM BELL, a former England Youth Cap who came from Carlisle United in early February, and the former Oldham and Preston player has appeared in Bolton's last nine games. Ever-present in this season's side is midfielder WARREN JOYCE, son of Club Coach Walter Joyce, and the Oldham-born youngster made his debut in April 1983, while player/manager JOHN McGOVERN (see panel) has made one midfield appearance this season — that was in late-January. Out of the line-up since then has been Dewsbury-born midfielder NEIL REDFEARN, who'd been ever-present to that

Their History . . .

• Formed in 1874, they were original members of The League in 1888. Up to 1971 they had always played in the top two divisions, but in the last fourteen years have led a varied existence. The last eleven years have seen them go from Division Three to Division One, where they spent two seasons (1978/79 and '79/80), and back again, having been relegated from Division Two last year. First-ever Wembley F.A. Cup Winners (1923) they've also won the Cup in 1926, 1929 and 1958 as well as being runners-up three times. Burnden Park Att. Record—69,912 v. Man. City (F.A. Cup 5th Rnd.), Feb. 18th 1933 . . . current capacity — 43,000.



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• **TONY CALDWELL** — scored five against Walsall last September to create a new Club record . . .

point, and the former Nottingham Forest apprentice made his Bolton debut in February 1983, but midfielder or forward STEVE SAUNDERS, who began the season in the side is unlikely to be in first-team action for the rest of '83/84 following a hernia operation in December. Second-highest scorer with 14 is left-side midfielder or winger **JEFF CHANDLER**, a Hammersmith-born Eire International who began his career at Blackpool, having been signed from Leeds United for £40,000 in October 1981, and he's ever-present this season.

In the central - defensive

positions, Londonderry - born **GERRY McELHINNEY**, a £25,000 signing from Distillery at the start of '80/81, has missed just two December matches through suspension, while close-season signing **PETER VALENTINE**, who came from Huddersfield in exchange for Paul Jones, has also missed only two games. Former apprentice **NEIL BERRY**, a Scottish Youth Cap, has deputised, as well as having several full-back appearances, and he made his debut in '81/82. The regular full-backs this season have been Liverpool-born **BRIAN BORROWS**, a transfer-deadline signing from Everton late last season, and another former Everton player in skipper **RAY DEAKIN**, a free transfer from Port Vale in the summer of 1982. Borrows has missed just three January games through injury, while Deakin was out of the line-up for a month from mid-January when his place was taken by former Preston, Crewe and Southport full-back **ERIC SNOOKES**, a close-season signing from Rochdale. In goal for the past six games has been another summer signing — **JOHN PLATT** from

Bury, and the former Ashton United and Oldham 'keeper took over after Chorley-born ex-apprentice **SIMON FARNWORTH** twisted an ankle during the February match at Rotherham, having been ever-present from the start of the season when he made his debut.

Their '83/84 Record:-

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August		F.A.	Att.
27 Wimb'don(Lge)	(H)	2-0	3,992
30 Chester(MC1)	(A)	2-0	2,665
September			
3 Brad City(Lge)	(A)	2-0	3,324
6 Gill'ham(Lge)	(A)	0-2	3,087
10 Walsall(Lge)	(H)	8-1	4,375
14 Chester(MC1)	(A)	0-3	1,502
16 Scunth'pe(Lge)	(A)	0-1	4,406
24 Roth'ham(Lge)	(H)	2-0	5,592
27 Burnley(Lge)	(H)	0-0	9,709
October			
1 Bristol R.(Lge)	(A)	1-2	5,651
8 Exeter(Lge)	(A)	2-2	3,478
15 Newport(Lge)	(H)	2-3	4,928
18 Hull City(Lge)	(H)	0-0	6,397
22 Port Vale(Lge)	(A)	2-1	4,269
29 Southend(Lge)	(H)	2-0	5,366
November			
2 Lincoln(Lge)	(A)	0-0	3,988
5 Orient(Lge)	(H)	3-2	5,859
12 Plymouth(Lge)	(A)	0-2	4,624
19 Tranm're(FAC1)	(A)	2-2	5,497
22 Tranm're(FAC1)	(H)	4-1	6,305
26 B'mouth(Lge)	(A)	2-2	3,941
December			
3 Brentford(Lge)	(H)	1-0	5,416
10 Mans'ld(FAC2)	(H)	2-0	6,434
17 Preston(Lge)	(H)	2-2	6,275
26 Wigan(Lge)	(A)	1-0	10,045
27 Oxford(Lge)	(H)	1-0	11,059
31 Sheff. Utd.(Lge)	(A)	0-5	14,252
January			
2 Millwall(Lge)	(H)	2-0	7,054
7 Sund'ld(FAC3)	(H)	0-3	14,018
14 Wimb'don(Lge)	(A)	0-4	2,955
21 Scunth'pe(Lge)	(H)	0-0	5,379
28 Walsall(Lge)	(A)	0-1	7,812
February			
4 Bristol R.(Lge)	(H)	3-0	5,399
6 Southend(Lge)	(A)	1-0	1,594
11 Roth'ham(Lge)	(A)	1-1	5,043
14 Lincoln(Lge)	(H)	0-2	5,450
21 Burnley(AMC1)	(A)	1-2	3,355
25 Port Vale(Lge)	(H)	2-0	5,818
March			
3 Hull City(Lge)	(A)	1-1	6,869
6 Orient(Lge)	(A)	1-2	2,449
17 Exeter(Lge)	(H)	1-0	5,161

This Season's Scorers(Lge.& Cups)

• Caldwell 22, Chandler 14 (4 pens.), Rudge 8, Foster 4, Joyce 4, Deakin 1, McElhinney 1, Redfern 1, Thompson 1, Valentine 1.



Line-up . . . BACK (from left) — Brian Borrows, Neil Berry, John Platt, Peter Valentine. MIDDLE (from left) — Warren Joyce, Neil Redfern, Eric Snookes, Wayne Foster. FRONT (from left) — Charlie Wright (Coach), McGovern (Player/Manager), Ray Deakin, Simon Rudge, Peter Nightingale (Physio).

Amber Angle

on COLIN RANDELL

AFTER a career in Football of some sixteen years, which began when he joined Coventry City as an apprentice in the late-1960s, Skewen-born COLIN RANDELL has finally made his debut for a Welsh club, having joined us on loan from Blackburn Rovers in late-February. He's now played four matches, which have brought us a victory and three draws, and his loan-spell is due to end after we play at Preston on March 30th.

A Welsh Schools Cap, he spent five years at Coventry, becoming a full professional in November 1970, but he didn't make any first-team appearances for them and eventually joined Plymouth Argyle in September 1973. He played at full-back for most of that season, and it was as memorable a year for the Devon side as it is this season — *"We reached the semi-final of the League Cup, but we went out to Manchester City over two legs, and there were over 30,000 people for our home game against them. I spent four years with them in my first spell there, and we won promotion to Division Two in 1974/75, so it was a memorable time for me down there, I made a lot of friends, and I hope they get to Wembley this season, though I think Watford will be too strong for them."*

After 139 League appearances

for Argyle under several managers, he then moved to Exeter City who signed him for £10,000 in September 1977, and he had two good years with them. But then Plymouth re-signed him for a £60,000 fee — *"They say you shouldn't really go back to one of your old clubs if you've been successful there the first time, because the pressure is always on you to do it again."* Malcolm Allison was manager at Home Park then, and it took him a year to re-build the side, which Colin felt was a year out of his career. During his second three years at Plymouth, Bobby Saxton became manager, and when the former defender moved to Blackburn Rovers a couple of seasons ago, he signed Colin for a £40,000 fee at the start of 1982/83. He missed only ten League games last season and was a regular in midfield this season up until early November. But then he was injured at Charlton, the side began a good run in his absence, and he couldn't get his place back, apart from a non-playing substitute's role at Brighton in early January. He was then injured in a reserve game that week, and was out for another month, so it's been a disappointing season for him, especially as Blackburn's Central League side only play once a fortnight because of the composition of that competition.



The move to Newport County was a convenient one for him as he's able to stay with his parents in Skewen near Swansea, while his wife and two children — Oliver (3) and Eve (7) — are staying at their home between Blackburn and Preston. Whatever the outcome of Colin's loan-spell with us, it's his intention to move back to the South-West or South Wales . . . *"We've lived the best part of nine years in Devon and we liked it very much down there, though one advantage of living in Lancashire is that you're within an hour of at least forty clubs. I've seen quite a bit of today's opponents, Bolton, and they're going very well especially after making so many changes in the summer, so it should be a good game. I don't know yet what's going to happen at the end of my loan-spell at Somerton Park, and at the moment I'm just enjoying the involvement of being back at first-team level."*



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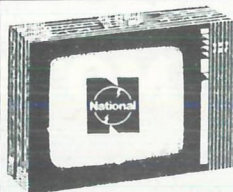
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• The success of **Plymouth Argyle** in becoming only the sixth Third Division club to reach the semi-finals of the F.A. Cup could cause problems for the Devon side who, after last Saturday's narrow 1-0 home win over AFC Bournemouth, faced a fixture pile-up with five games in fourteen days. And with only a small squad, they can't really afford any injuries, especially now that full-back Neil Price and midfielder Francis Cassidy have returned to Argyle's semi-final opponents Watford after a month's loan. It was former Hull, York and Carlisle striker Gordon Stainforth who scored an early winner for Argyle last week against a Bournemouth line-up who included ex Portsmouth striker Billy Rafferty, the player that Bob Moncur, Argyle's previous manager, had wanted to sign at the start of this season. Plymouth were only ten points clear of the bottom-four prior to last Tuesday's home match with Millwall, and they'll have needed a good result from that match because today they travel to leaders Oxford United, a match which should attract another five-figure crowd to the Manor Ground. As for Argyle's attendances, four days before their Sixth Round home match with Derby, just 4,372 saw them play Brentford at Home Park. The ground was packed with a capacity 34,365 crowd for the 0-0 draw with Derby, and following their 1-0 replay win when Andy Rogers' inswinging corner took them into that Villa Park semi-final on April

14th, only 7,235 turned up for the Bournemouth match.

• The Football League's longest unbeaten run of the season came to an end last weekend when **Bradford City** lost 2-1 at Scunthorpe. On November 5th last, the Yorkshire club went down 4-1 at Wimbledon and were bottom but one of the Third Division. Then followed a 3-3 home draw before City set out on a Club record of ten consecutive League wins. Since that tenth win at Exeter on February 3rd, they've won two and drawn three League games — a total of sixteen Third Division matches, though during that run they have lost an F.A.



• **ANDY ROGERS** — his goal took Plymouth into the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals.

Cup match and a recent Associate Members' Cup tie at Sheffield United. Much-travelled striker John Hawley scored in last week's defeat at Scunthorpe, and he's formed a useful attacking partnership with ex-Northern Ireland Cap Bobby Campbell who returned to the Club from Derby County in early November on loan before being signed for a £50,000 fee which, in fact, Bradford City didn't have to find because Derby had only paid them £20,000 of the £70,000 agreed fee for Campbell last summer.

• Although **Walsall** were in third position in the table after last

weekend's 2-2 home draw with Rotherham, they've now won only once in their last six League games, and that disappointing run followed their mid-February Milk Cup semi-final defeat by Liverpool. Since then, apart from a 3-1 away win at Gillingham a fortnight ago, they've never hit the impressive form which took them to the top of the League as well as that semi-final, and last week's performance summed up their problems because they were in fact leading Rotherham, with only nine fit players after a couple of injuries, with just one minute left. Craig Shakespeare and player/manager Alan Buckley had put them ahead after Rotherham had led at the interval, but then came that late equaliser from Rotherham's John Dungworth, their early-February signing from Mansfield. Walsall have done a goalkeeping swap with neighbours West Bromwich Albion — Ron Green has gone to The Hawthorns for the rest of the season, while Tony Godden, who had seven games on loan with Walsall from early October, has returned to Fellows Park for the remainder of '83/84.

• Other transfer news from Division Three — **Brentford** now have three ex-Orient players in Bobby Fisher (Cambridge), Nigel Gray (Swindon) and Bill Roffey, who joined them eleven days ago from Orient on loan for the rest of the season. **Oxford United**, in addition to John Aldridge, have signed Birmingham City forward Les Phillips. They've also signed 18 year-old defender Mark Bromley from Wolves on loan, while in late-February they signed former England, Sunderland, Derby, Everton and Birmingham defender Colin Todd on a free transfer from Nottingham Forest.

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• If you are a young lady who would like to assist us on match-days on a commission basis, please contact our Commercial Dept. (277472).

Subscription Draw . . .

• £50 cash prizes at our last two home games have been won as follows . . . Wimbledon (March 6th) — No.78 S Bastuba of Alway, Newport; Hull City (March 10th) — No.280 Mrs. L. Clements of Bassaleg. The Draw takes place prior to each of our home games and the winning number is announced before the kick-off. Details of how to join the scheme — from the Organiser, David Hando (tel. Newport 62483).

County Lottery . . .

• Our next Draw takes place this coming Wednesday, 28th March, at Bedwas Workingmen's Club at approximately 8.30 p.m. The Draw is held every week at a different venue in Gwent, with a top prize of £1,000 and various other prizes in addition to the instant cash prizes. We are always looking for new agents, and you can start with just 25 tickets. All agents receive 10% commission on sales, plus 10% of winning prizes of £50 or more, and anyone who sells 100 tickets or more is entitled to free field-tickets for our home League games. For full details, telephone our Lottery Dept. at Newport 277472.

County Video-Club . . .

• A number of supporters are members of our video-club, and regularly borrow films of our matches over the past few seasons. All the games have full commentary with them, and those interested in joining can do so by giving us a blank 180-minute VHS tape as a hire fee. This will entitle them to borrow matches throughout the season as and when available.

Today's Match-Ball . . .

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(Routes by courtesy of the A.A.)

• **PRESTON** — Friday, 30th March (7.30 pm). Coach departure time and fare to be announced.

How to get there . . .

Usual route North (A.449 to Monmouth . . . A.40/M.50/M.5(North)/M.6(North-West)) . . . leave M.6 at Junction 31 and take A.59 (Preston) . . . in 1 mile, take 2nd exit and roundabout in Blackpool Road (A.5085) . . . in 1.2 miles turn left (A.6063) . . . in 2.3 miles **PRESTON NORTH END F.C.** Total distance from Newport — 197.5 miles. Approx. travelling time — 3½ hours.

• **BRADFORD CITY** — Wednesday, 4th April (kick-off time to be announced; Coach departure-time and fare to be announced).

How to get there . . .

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• Another £1,000 County Lottery winner — R. Jenkins of Caerleon (right) receives his cheque from Club Director George Thorneycroft. (Pic. by Jeff Morgan)

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LOTTERY RESULTS

(MAJOR PRIZES)

County Lottery 92 . . (1/2/84)
At The Up and Under Pub.,
Cwmbran

£1,000 B E Smith
£100 Agent S I Mayo
£500 J Ricketts
£50 Agent G Smith
£100 J G Bush
£10 Agent J G Bush
£100(28709) Not yet claimed
£10 Agent Luxton Stores
£100 J Rutley
£10 Agent T Richards
£100 B L Osmond
£10 Agent I Jones

County Lottery 93 . . (8/2/84)
At The Ivy Bush Inn, Newport

£1,000 A L Killiken
£100 Agent R Beddoe
£500 A W James
£50 Agent 'Amber Girls'
£100 M L Davies
£10 Agent R Beddoe
£100 Mrs A Thomas
£10 Agent L Castart
£100(25608) Not yet claimed
£10 Agent J Griffiths
£100 Mrs S Knight
£10 Agent E J Vrettos

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Orient—Le Beat Nightclub,Npt.
Oxford Utd.—McCreadys
Plymouth A.—Le Beat Nightclub

Port Vale—
Preston—STC Electronics
Rotherham—
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Sheff. Utd.—Paragon
Southend—
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Wigan A.—
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Orient—Le Beat Nightclub, Npt.
Oxford U.—Civic Cntr. Group 3
Plymouth—Le Beat Nightclub
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Port Vale—Civic Cntr. Group 1
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Rotherham—Mr. Swindley
Scunthorpe—Mr. Swindley
Sheff. Utd.—F.L. Wanger
Southend—Rent-A-Unit Ltd.
Torquay(MC)—Co-op Dairies
Walsall—Queen's Hotel
Wigan—Neil Bailey Fan Club
Wimbledon—Civic Cntr. Group 2

Div.3 '83/84

(Not incl. last night's match)

Team	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
1 Oxford Utd.	34	21	6	7	68-42	62
2 Wimbeldon	35	18	8	9	55-62	62
3 Walsall	35	18	8	9	57-47	62
4 Sheffield Utd.	35	17	10	8	68-44	61
5 Bristol Rovers	35	17	9	9	53-39	60
6 Hull City	35	15	12	5	49-28	57
7 Bolton Wan.	34	15	9	10	45-36	54
8 Burnley	34	14	11	8	46-37	53
9 Orient	35	15	8	12	62-57	53
10 Gillingham	35	15	7	10	52-50	52
11 Millwall	36	13	12	11	52-53	51
12 Lincoln City	36	14	7	15	48-48	49
13 Bradford City	32	13	9	10	57-48	48
14 Newport Co.	33	12	9	12	47-56	45
15 Wigan Ath.	33	12	9	12	35-44	45
16 Preston N.E.	34	11	9	14	52-48	42
17 Plymouth A.	32	10	8	14	40-40	38
18 Brentford	35	7	15	16	41-65	33
19 AFC B'mouth	34	8	6	20	44-60	32
20 Port Vale	34	8	6	20	36-64	30
21 Scunthorpe Utd.	32	5	14	13	37-58	29
22 Southend Utd.	32	6	10	17	38-57	28
23 Rotherham Utd.	32	5	6	19	32-50	27
24 Exeter City	34	7	9	20	40-65	24

Player's Roster '83/84

(PLUS sub. appts. (Inc. last Saturday) in brackets)

Player	Lge.	Apps.	Cup	GOALS
				Lge. Cup
+J. ALDRIDGE	28	5	9	20**
+N. BAILEY	28	2	2	1
+R. BOYLE	32	11	19	2
+R. CARTER	25(1)	3	2	1
+N. CHAMBERLAIN	6	3	2	1
+K. ELSEY	7	1	1	1
P. GREEN	1	3	5	1
G. JONES	21	1	7	3*
L. JONES	18(1)	30	11	1
V. JONES	18	1	1	1
M. KENDALL	3	1	1	1
+J. LAYTON	24	8	3	1
J. LEWIS	7(3)	6(1)	1	1
C. LILYGREEN	17(2)	8	5(1)	1
E. MARTINEZ	17(2)	5(1)	1	1
T. MATTHEWSON	14(2)	7	1	1
T. MICALLIEF	24	4	1	1
K. OAKES	24	1	1	1
M. PRATT	3	10	6(1)	5
C. RANDELL	30	21(3)	4(1)	5**
T. REID	30	7	2	1
T. RELISH	21(3)	2	3(1)	1
+K. STROUD	4(1)	2	2(2)	1
+N. VAUGHAN	9(4)	8(1)	1	1
C. WILLIAMS	8(1)	1	1	1
R. WOODRUFF	1	1	1	1
Opponents				
Maximum - 33 League, 11 Cup				
+ No longer with Club				

Welsh League First Division '83/84

(Home matches in BOLD)

Date	Opponents	F-A
20 Aug (Sat)	SWANSEA UNIV. (Lge)	0-3
27 Aug (Sat)	Pontolloy (Lge)	4-2
3 Sep (Sat)	TYNTE (Lge)	1-1
10 Sep (Sat)	Panteg (Lge)	2-1
17 Sep (Sat)	TONYREFAIL (Lge)	3-1
24 Sep (Sat)	Skewen (Lge)	5-0
28 Sep (Wed)	NPT YMCA (S.A. Brain Cup)	1-1*
1 Oct (Sat)	BLAINA (Lge)	4-1
3 Oct (Mon)	Bridgewater (Friendlv)	3-1
8 Oct (Sat)	Lewistown (Lge)	5-1
15 Oct (Mon)	SWANSEA CITY (Friendlv)	2-0
19 Oct (Sat)	YNYSWBWL (Lge)	7-0
22 Oct (Sat)	Carmarthen (Lge)	1-0
26 Oct (Wed)	ABERAMAN (Lge)	7-0
5 Nov (Sat)	Afan Lido (Lge)	0-4
12 Nov (Sat)	ABERGAVENNY (Lge)	3-2
19 Nov (Sat)	TREDOMEN (Lge)	3-1
26 Nov (Sat)	PONTCLUN (Lge)	6-1
3 Dec (Sat)	Blauavon (Lge)	1-2
10 Dec (Sat)	Trelewis (Lge)	6-1
17 Dec (Sat)	Lake Utd. (S.A. Brain Cup)	1-3
31 Dec (Sat)	Swansea Univ. (Lge)	3-0
4 Jan (Wed)	PONTOLLYN (Lge)	5-3
11 Jan (Wed)	PANTEG (Lge)	1-3
18 Jan (Sat)	Tynteg (Lge)	6-0
25 Jan (Sat)	Tonyrefail (Lge)	6-1
28 Jan (Sat)	Bristol R. (Friendlv)	3-0
4 Feb (Sat)	Blaina (Lge)	1-3
11 Feb (Sat)	LEWISTOWN (Lge)	7-0
18 Feb (Sat)	Ynysybwl (Lge)	2-1
25 Feb (Sat)	CARMARTHEN (Lge)	0-1
3 Mar (Sat)	Aberaman (Lge)	1-0
10 Mar (Tue)	SKEWEN (Lge)	6-0
13 Mar (Sat)	AFAN LIDO (Lge)	2-2
17 Mar (Sat)	TRELEWIS (Lge)	8-0
19 Mar (Mon)	SEVEN SISTERS (Lge)	2-2
24 Mar (Sat)	ABERGAVENNY (Lge)	2-2
31 Mar (Sat)	Pontclun (Lge)	2-2
7 Apr (Sat)	BLAENAVON (Lge)	2-2
14 Apr (Sat)	Trelewis (Lge)	2-2
21 Apr (Sat)	Seven Sisters (Lge)	2-2
25 Apr (Wed)	Tredomen (Lge)	2-2
5 May (Sat)	Tredomen (Lge)	2-2

* won 4-2 on penalties

Recent Reserve Line-Ups

Mar. 10th v. ABERAMAN (H)	Won 1-0 (h.t. 1-0)
Welsh Lge. Div. 1	Welch. Rge. Div. 1
Granger (sub. Coldrick), Lilygreen (1), Walbyoff, Mcallef, Lukaris.	Walbyoff, Jones R. Mather, Herriety, Lukaris.
Mar. 13th v. SKEWEN (H)	Won 6-0 (h.t. 2-0)
Welsh Lge. Div. 1	Welsh Lge. Div. 1
Jones G., Bray, King, Jones R. (1), Walbyoff, Herriety (1), Relish (1), Granger (sub Mather), Coldrick, Mcallef (1), Lilygreen (2).	

Youth Team Fixtures '83/84

(Home matches in BOLD)

Date	Opponents	F-A
4 Sep (Sun)	PONTMISTER BOYS (SL)	5-0
11 Sep (Sun)	Wattsville Rangers (SL)	7-0
18 Sep (Sun)	CASCADE YTH (SL)	6-0
25 Sep (Sun)	BSC Ebbw Vale (SL)	1-0
2 Oct (Sun)	CWMBRAN CELTIC (SL)	11-0
9 Oct (Sun)	Gelli Utd. (SL)	5-0
16 Oct (Sun)	Spencer Works (SL)	1-3
23 Oct (Tue)	CHEPSTOW TOWN (SL)	10-0
25 Oct (Tue)	Cardiff City (SW)	0-2
30 Oct (Sun)	BTM United (SL)	3-1
6 Nov (Sun)	ABERGAVENNY YTH (SL)	12-0
9 Nov (Wed)	AFAN LIDO (WYC)	4-0
13 Nov (Sun)	Caldicot Utd. (SL)	5-2
15 Nov (Tue)	Torquay Utd. (FAYC)	0-4
20 Nov (Sun)	CWMBRAN TOWN (SL)	1-2
27 Nov (Sun)	Croesyceiling (SL)	5-0
4 Dec (Sun)	CROESYCEILING (SL)	9-0
11 Dec (Sun)	Pontymister Boys (SL)	6-1
18 Dec (Sun)	SWANSEA CITY (WYC3)	5-1
1 Jan (Sun)	Cascade Yth. Club (SL)	9-0
15 Jan (Sun)	Cwmbran Celtic (SL)	6-2
21 Jan (Sat)	Cardiff City (WYC)	3-2
12 Feb (Sun)	WATTSVILLE RGRS (SL)	7-1
16 Feb (Thu)	CWMBRAN T. (WYC3F)	2-1
19 Feb (Sun)	Abergavenny Yth. (SL)	0-1
26 Feb (Sun)	CALDICOT TOWN (SL)	2-0
4 Mar (Sun)	Cwmbran Town (SL)	2-1
11 Mar (Sun)	BTM UTD (SL)	8-2
14 Mar (Wed)	Exeter City (SW)	1-2
24 Mar (Sat)	Holyhead Utd. (WYC Final) (At Abergystwyth)	
	(To be continued)	

Recent Youth Line-up

March 11th v. BTM UTD. (H)	Won 8-2 (n.t. 2-2-)
Sunday Yth. Lge.	Watkins, Jenkins (sub. Morse), Wickham, Walbyoff, Arlett, Richards (1), Granger (4), Pengelly, Knott, Mackie (2), Lukaris (1).
This Season's Yth. Team Scorers (Lge. & Cups)	
(NOT including last Wednesday v. Cardiff City)	
● Mackie 24, Pengelly 16, Richards 14, Hancock 13, Lukaris 9, Knott 9, Young 7 (3 pens.), Jenkins 6 (1 pen.), Coldrick 5, Granger 5, Herriety 5, Hoare 4, Arlett 3, Irving 3, Walbyoff 3, Mather 2, Barnes 1, Collins 1, Wickham 1, Opponents 4.	

The Teams

NEWPORT h.t. f.t.
COUNTY () . . .

Shirts — Amber with Black Trim
Shorts — Black with Amber Trim

- 1—Mark KENDALL
- 2—Linden JONES
- 3—Trevor MATTHEWSON
- 4—Tony REID
- 5—Keith OAKES
- 6—Terry BOYLE (Capt.)
- 7—Vaughan JONES
- 8—Phil GREEN
- 9—Roy CARTER
- 10—Colin RANDELL
- 11—John LEWIS
- 12—

BOLTON h.t. f.t.
WANDERERS ()

Shirts — White with Blue Trim
Shorts — Blue with White Trim

- 1—John PLATT
- 2—Brian BORROWS
- 3—Ray DEAKIN (Capt.)
- 4—Warren JOYCE
- 5—Gerry McELHINNEY
- 6—Peter VALENTINE
- 7—Steve THOMPSON
- 8—Jeff CHANDLER
- 9—Wayne FOSTER
- 10—Neil WHATMORE
- 11—Graham BELL
- 12—

Match Attendance

MATCH OFFICIALS

• Today's Referee is **MIKE DIMBLEBEE** of Stevenage, who began officiating twenty-one years ago in Northamptonshire local football. He's been on the League list for a number of years, and is married with two daughters. He is employed as a Cartographic Surveyor making Ordnance Survey Maps.

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